

EASTERN MOTORISTS PLAN TRANSCONTINENTAL TOURS

Automobile Owners Who Start in
Next Week or Two Will Find
Good Weather.

ROADS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

Rains Left them in Condition to Be
Easily Worked—North and Central
Routes Are Most Popular
Ores Now.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—Auto-
mobile tourists who have planned their
transcontinental tour to start any time
between now and July 1 will be cheered
by the information that the rains which
have recently been so heavy west of the
Mississippi and Missouri Rivers have
practically ceased—with weather re-
ports indicating that a dry spell is to
continue from now on.

These rains have put the roads in
very bad condition, but the very many
well-organized road and road associa-
tions all through those sections have
started vigorously at road re-dragging
all the roads. This saturation by rain
will mean that after dragging the
roads will be in the very best of con-
dition, as it is this action promptly taken
after rain periods that gives the
dragged road that excellent surface so
generally commented upon by those
who have had the experiences of touring
over them.

There have been many estimates as to
the number of cars that would make
transcontinental trips, and only those
who have been over-optimistic might
complain. Reports from various points
on the route leading through the
southern section of the extreme West,
show that many cars have been
through, and those who used judgment
in their early estimate state they have
no cause for disappointment in the
number of automobile tourists.

The north and central routes are now
coming into their share, and will prob-
ably be the favored ones for the summer
burden of traffic during the next three
months. Practically all of these routes
have had an immense amount of work
done on them during the spring and
early summer in full anticipation of
travel, and no cause for complaint will
probably be entered against them.

Those planning to make the trans-
continental trip in any of the routes
are advised to write the Touring Bu-
reau of the American Automobile Asso-
ciation at its national headquarters,
the Riggs Building, Washington, D. C.,
or 147 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

CONSOLIDATION OF TRACTORS

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., June 19.—
The Kanawha Traction and Electric
Company of this city has succeeded the
Parkersburg, Marietta & Interurban
Railway Co. The new company was
recently chartered, and the consolidation
of interests was practically a change
of name. The company is making sev-
eral improvements, including the erec-
tion of a generating plant to cost about
\$100,000. The directors are S. C. Cam-
den, C. C. Martin, W. W. Van Winkle,
F. E. Davidson, Thomas Logan, J. A.
Wetherell, Joseph Stern and M. R.
Lewther, of Parkersburg; W. W. Mills,
D. E. Torrey and W. H. H. Lett, of Mari-
etta; G. and J. N. Camden of Versailles,
Ky. Mr. Camden is president; Messrs.
Mills and Martin, vice-presidents; Mr.
Van Winkle, secretary, and J. N. Tabb,
treasurer. H. H. Archer is general man-
ager.

The new financing of the company
includes the issue of \$1,000,000 of 5
per cent two-year notes through the
Fidelity Trust Company of Baltimore.
The total capitalization of the new com-
pany will be \$2,000,000.

THEFT CLUB IS MEANS OF RECOVERING STOLEN AUTOS

During the first six months of its
operation, the theft bureau of the Au-
tomobile Club of Southern California
and the Interinsurance Exchange
have recovered every automobile that
was stolen from members of the or-
ganization.

The records at the headquarters in
Los Angeles show that 543 cars were
stolen since January 1, 1915, having an
approximate value of \$1,250,000. More
than 306 of these cars were recovered
by the theft bureau, working in con-
junction with police departments of
Southern California cities, and fifty-
eight were returned to their owners
through the efforts of the bureau
alone.

It is believed that this is a record
for similar protective organizations
in the United States.

PRINCE OF WALES WINS REGARD OF SOLDIERS

(Continued From First Page.)
Slight as they were. It sets up acute
inflammation of the lungs, and the man
gets smothered by degrees.

"A lot of men on the left of our
trenches were admitted to the hospital
suffering from what I believe, called
dropped wrist, also from influenza. The
outbreak could not be accounted for,
and a few days ago we were asked to
secure a sample of water from a stream
coming from the German position and
joining a stream in rear of the
trenches. This was sent in to be test-
ed, and one grain of arsenic per pint of
water was found, so they have begun
their South African dodge of poisoning
the water supply out here. It may give
a lot of trouble when we advance. They
are perfect savages, and will stick at
nothing. The only thing is to wipe
them out, but it will take time."

"IT PAYS"

In the long run to have the best at first. It saves the necessity of
having to "do it all over again."

Have your car equipped with a
"One Man Pantasote Top"

Our Seat Covers are the "TALK OF THE TOWN."

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DODGE BROTHERS PLAN TO BUILD UP EUROPEAN TRADE

In Spite of Unsettled Conditions, Com-
pany Expects to Get Big Busi-
ness After War.

Despite the unsettled condition of
European affairs, Dodge Brothers, and its
making preparations toward building
up an important export business to
England and the Continent, following
the cessation of the war.

As a preliminary step to this end,
A. T. Stanton, well known in English
motor engineering circles, has been
appointed British district representa-
tive, and will sail for Liverpool from
New York on June 19, on the Ameri-
can liner St. Paul.

Mr. Stanton has been in the United
States for the past eighteen months,
which period he has devoted to a study
of Dodge Brothers' new car, and its
possibilities in the foreign market. He
was formerly connected with the big
English firm of Bradbury & Co., Old-
ham, England, motorcycle manufac-
turers and general engineers. While
with Bradbury's, Stanton won consid-
erable fame as a motorcycle racer,
having won more than a score of
medals in British and continental
events, and will prove a valuable
acquisition to Dodge Brothers' export
department.

Headquarters for Dodge Brothers in
the British Isles will be in London, and
Mr. Stanton will have direct charge of
establishing agencies throughout the
United Kingdom.

In connection with the appointment
of a representative in England, Dodge
Brothers' sales department records
show that over 1,000 inquiries have
been received in the past ten months
from dealers in the British Isles alone.
No advertising has been done, and the
impressive response from foreign
dealers was merely the echo of the
reception accorded Dodge Brothers' car
in the United States.

MOTORCYCLE NOTES

Miss Roxie Milligan, an athletic
young lady of Sarnia, Ont., has volun-
teered for active service in the medi-
cal branch of the Canadian forces. She
will ride a motorcycle in her work at
the front.

The United States government has
just shipped one of its cars to Tatum,
the smallest of our insular possessions,
to be used by the hospital department
of the army.

One of the largest banners ever seen
in Wheeling, W. Va., is being used by
the Wheeling, W. Va., to advertise its
coming endurance run, June 20-21, and
race meet July 4.

The Interstate Racing Association is
planning a series of motorcycle race
meets on a circuit comprising Toledo,
Columbus, Fort Wayne, Detroit and
Jackson. The first meet is set for July
15 on the Michigan State Fair track at
Detroit.

A new motorcycle club has been
formed in St. Louis, Mo., with twenty
charter members. It will affiliate with
the F. A. M.

The 300-mile road race of the Na-
tional Capital M. C. of Washington, D.
C., which was to have occurred on Mem-
orial Day, was postponed because of
the unfinished condition of the track.
Elmore H. Berlund, of Manchester,
has been appointed New Hampshire
State Commissioner for the F. A. M.

QUESTION OF STARTING IS BIG ONE TO AUTO OWNERS

Electricity Shows Signs of Too Frequent
Stops and Starts—Is Drain
on Batteries.

How often you start your car each
day is a question worthy of some
thought on the part of every owner of
a modern motor car that is electrically
equipped.

According to the Willard Storage
Battery Company the matter of stop-
ping and starting has a great deal to
do with the efficiency of the electrical
system. Each time the starter is oper-
ated a great amount of electricity is
taken from the storage battery; in fact,
a great deal more than is put back
into the battery in the same length of
time with the motor driving the gen-
erator. On this account it is impera-
tive that the storage battery's energy
be conserved as much as possible.

If a motor car is driven a great deal
during the day through crowded streets
and heavy traffic, and frequent stops
and starts are made, the amount of
energy taken from the storage battery
is greatly in excess of that put back
because the speed of the car, under
such conditions, is never great enough
to generate very much electricity, and
the distances traveled often do not con-
sume much time.

On top of all this, a car is sometimes
driven a great deal at night with the
lights burning and consuming almost
as much current as is generated, even
if the motor is going at the generating
speed all the time. It is clearly evident
then, that one cannot be too careful
about making unnecessary stops and
starts, and it is also well to be eco-
nomical with the lights when the car
is standing at the curb.

By watching such things as these a
lot of ordinary storage battery troubles
can be avoided, and the car owner can
obtain better results from his electrical
system as a unit.

"The News is Spreading."

A Western daily paper, thinking it
has discovered something new, gives
prominence to the following item:
"Stock and poultry raising and dairy-
ing promises to become very impor-
tant and profitable industries in the
old South during the next ten years.
Several experiments conducted on the
so-called worn-out soil have shown that
these branches of farming not only
show a nice profit from the beginning,
but will also serve to restore the land
to its old-time fertility by furnishing
new nutriment in the shape of barn-
yard manure."

All of that is true, and it is a good
thing that the folks up North and out
West are finding out about it all.

CONVICT LABOR COULD OPEN UP VAST COUNTRY

California Says 7,500,000 Acres of
Arable Land Awaits
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PRISONERS WILL DO WORK

Legislature Authorizes Employment.
Eastern Plateau of Sierras Will
Probably Be Made Accessible to
Good Roads.

"If you will give us the convicts to
build roads through" the mountains,
there are 7,500,000 acres of arable land
on the eastern plateau of the Sierras
that can be opened for settlement," said
Charles F. Stern, highway commis-
sioner of California, in supporting the bill
which passed the California Legisla-
ture this session to permit prisoners to
be employed in road building.

California prisoners have not been
employed in this work other than in a
small way around the prison, but the
need of opening the mountain districts
started road building by the
prisoners.

The act just passed is modeled after
Colorado legislation under which excel-
lent results have been obtained. The
Highway Department is authorized to
make requisition upon the Prison De-
partment for the number of convicts
required, and is to organize and main-
tain the camps as well as supervise the
road work. The Prison Department,
however, retains control over the dis-
cipline of the prisoners, and although
the National Committee on Prisons and
Prison Labor believes better results
can be had under the West Virginia
system where the Prison Department
maintains the camps, both the convicts
and the State of California will as-
suredly benefit under the new legisla-
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FOR BIGGER BUSINESS

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 19.—The Equi-
nox Mill at Anderson in this State has
fully decided to expend from \$50,000
to \$75,000 for improvements that have
already been agreed upon. These will
include the construction of a cloth room,
a cloth storage warehouse and a num-
ber of cottages for employees.

The probability is that this company will before
the summer season comes on launch
other improvements that will cost
equally as much as those already pro-
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MECHANICS PROVE TO BE OF INTEREST TO YOUNG WOMEN

Notre Dame Academy Has Adopted
Course of Automobile Study
for Its Students.

"Do mechanics interest young wom-
en?" "Yes," answers Miss Mary M.
Callahan, directress of the physical
training department of St. Mary's
Academy and College at Notre Dame,
Ind., "and much more than is ordinari-
ly the case, as I have found, if she
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turing industry. The public-spirited-
ness of Studebaker also prompted the
idea of a completely equipped Stude-
baker chassis for the use of the class.